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HIS Majesty has been pleased to Command, that the following Order should be sent to both Playhouses.

HIS MAJESTY being informed, That notwithstanding an Order made the 4th of June, 1697, *by the Earl of* Sunderland, *then Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Houshold, to prevent the Prophaneness and Immorality of the Stage; several Plays have lately been Acted, containing Expressions contrary to Religion, and good Manners: And whereas the Master of the Revels has represented, That, in Contempt of the said Order, the Actors do often neglect to leave out such Prophane and Indecent Expressions, as he has thought proper to be Omitted. These are therefore to signify His Majesty's Pleasure, That you do not hereafter presume to Act any thing in any Play contrary to Religion or good Manners, as you shall answer it at your utmost Peril.* Given under my Hand this 18th of *February*, 1698. in the Eleventh Year of His Majesty's Reign.

Pere. Bertie.

An Order has been likewise sent by His Majesty's Command to the Master of the Revels, Not to Licence any Plays containing Expressions contrary to Religion and good Manners, and to give Notice to the Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Houshold, or in his Absence, to the Vice-Chamberlain, if the Players presume to Act any thing which he has struck out.

Milan, Jan. 28. *N. S.* Our Senate met last week, and resolved (according to Custom) to send to the Pope, to desire he would appoint one of the Nobles of this State to be Arch-Bishop of *Milan*, and made choice of Count *Francesco Sormani* for this purpose, who will be going to *Rome* in few days.

Turin, Jan. 29. The Duke of *Savoy* has appointed the Marquis *de Goies* to go to *Vienna* to Compliment the King and Queen of the *Romans* on their Marriage. We have an Account from *Mondovi*, that the Disorders in that Country do still continue, about 2000 of the Inhabitants being in Arms, in opposition to the Duke of *Savoy*'s Officers, who, upon notice that some Troops were marching against them, retired to the Mountains; And several of them having been taken and executed, we hear they have likewise killed some Soldiers that fell into their hands.

Venice, Febr. 9. Signior *Pietro Duodo*, Captain Extraordinary of the *Venetian* Men of War, arrived here last week with divers other Officers from the *Levant*, having taken their Passage in the *Hercules* and the *Safety*, two of the *Venetian* Ships that suffered most in the Engagement between our Fleet and the *Turks* in *September* last, which are sent hither to be rebuilt; They bring no manner of News, all things continuing in great Tranquillity on that side. Signior *Angelo Foscarini* is sailed for the *Levant* with a Convoy of Provisions and Ammunition, and carries with him a considerable Sum of Money to pay the Forces in those Parts. The Sieur *Lenoncourt*, Envoy from the Duke of *Lorraine*, who was sent hither to notifie that Duke's Marriage with Mademoiselle, Daughter to the Duke of *Orleans*, has had his Audience of Leave of the Senate, who made him the usual Presents, and he has since left this Place, and is gone back for *Nancy*. The Queen-Dowager of *Poland* is now on her Journey to *Ferrara*, the Bishop of which Place has made great Preparations to receive and entertain her. The Senate have appointed several Noblemen to attend her as far as the Confines of that Bishoprick, where she will be received by Signior *Zondedary*, and divers other Persons of Quality, whom the Pope has sent thither to Compliment her, and conduct her to *Rome*; The Pope has likewise given Orders to the Governors of the Places through which she shall pass, to receive her with all the Honours due to her Quality, and to defray the Expences of her Journey. The Senate have sent back the Courier, who arrived here lately with the News of the Conclusion of the Treaty with the *Turks*; and we expect in a short time to receive Advice, that the same has been likewise signed on the part of the State.

Coruna, February 23. The *Spanish Alliance* Packquet-boat arrived here yesterday morning in three days from *Falmouth*. On the 21st Instant came into this Port the *Elizabeth*, Capt. *Samuel Holmes*, from *New-England*, bound for *Bilboa*; and the *Margaret*, Capt. *Robert Garett* Commander, from *St. Sebastian's*. The *Mary* Galley, Capt. *William Jeffreys*, was on the 12th Instant forced by contrary Winds into *Rebadeo*, in which Port were at that time the following Ships, *viz.* The *Thomas and Mitchell*, Captain *Richard Dodge*; The *Diligence*, Capt. *William Howard*; The *John and Henry*, Capt. *William Nigson*; The *Adventure*, Capt. *Aaron Durall*; The *Providence*, Capt. *William Middleton*; The *Laurel*, Capt. *Joseph Denner*; The *Ann and Robert*, Capt. *Richard Stevens*; The *Fellowship*, Captain *William Meden*; The *Lamathan*, Capt. *Thomas Whitfield*; The *Mary and Betty*, Captain *Richard Young*; The *Elizabeth*, Capt. *John Bedford*; The *Reformation*, Capt. *John Crambrook*; The *Owner's Good-will*, Capt. *Stephen Holman*; The *Dickwell*, Capt. *Richard Hudson*; The *Elizabeth*, Capt. *Jacob Idell*; The *St. Michael*, Capt. *John Magers*; The *William and Sarah*, Capt. *William Pieret*; The *Esther*, Capt. *Samuel Rogers*; The *Thomas and Robert*, Capt. *John Humphreys*; And the *Pearl*, Captain *Edward Very*; which were all to set sail the next day for *Portugal*. Letters from *Lisbon* of the 3d Instant say, that on the 30th past the Queen of *Portugal* was brought to Bed of a Princess, for which, there had been great Rejoicings for three nights together; And that a Fleet of Merchant-men, under Convoy of two *Portuguese* Men of War, would shortly sail from thence for *Brazill*.

Vienna,